

**Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod**February 22, 2008

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An act to amend Section 2818 of the Vehicle Code, relating to highway safety.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1727, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Highway safety: flares: electronic beacons.

(1) Existing law makes it unlawful to traverse a flare pattern, cone pattern, or combination of flare and cone pattern, provided for the regulation of traffic or emergency scene management.

This bill would additionally make it unlawful to traverse an electronic beacon pattern, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2818 of the Vehicle Code is amended to  
2 read:  
3 2818. It is unlawful to traverse *an electronic beacon pattern*,  
4 a flare pattern, cone pattern, or combination ~~thereof~~ *of electronic*  
5 *beacon, flare, or cone patterns*, provided for the regulation of

1 traffic, or provided in ~~any~~ a situation where public safety personnel  
2 are engaged in traffic control or emergency scene management.  
3 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
4 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
5 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
6 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
7 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
8 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
9 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
10 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
11 Constitution.